

FISCAL NOTE

HB 1010 - SB 1085

March 22, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes a \$200 per semester book allowance to be paid to HOPE Scholarship recipients or to HOPE Access Grant recipients for the 2007-2008 academic year.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – Increases the expenditure of lottery proceeds earmarked for scholarships and grants by \$18,892,000 for FY07-08.

Assumptions:

- According to the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC), 68,300 students are projected to be Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship recipients for the 2007-2008 academic year.
- According to THEC, 72% (or approximately 49,200 students) are projected to be HOPE Scholarship recipients and HOPE Access Grant recipients.
- 96% (or 47,230 students) of such students are enrolled full-time.
- Given the book allowance proposal is on a semester basis, the annual book allowance is \$400 per eligible student.
- Expenditures of lottery proceeds are estimated to increase by \$18,892,000 for FY07-08 (47,230 students X \$400 book allowance = \$18,892,000).
- The book allowance in subsequent years shall be determined and set within the general appropriations act.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "W".

James W. White, Executive Director